FORM PTO-1320 (Modified) REV 10-95) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) 0707 CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/DE 01/01468 **APRIL 14, 2001 AUGUST 3, 2000** TITLE OF INVENTION SAW BLADE FOR POWER TOOLS APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Martin KOCHER, Daniel GROLIMUND Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2)) a. 🗆 is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. 🗆 is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). have been transmitted by the International Bureau. h □ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 10. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). 11. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409). 12. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). Items 13 to 18 below concern document(s) or information included: 13. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 14. 15. A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. A substitute specification. 16. 17. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 18. Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail 19. Other items or information: E1796689209US

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DECLARATION

The undersigned, Jan McLin Clayberg, having an office at 5316 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA 22207-1522, hereby states that she is well acquainted with both the English and German languages and that the attached is a true translation to the best of her knowledge and ability of international patent application PCT/DE 01/01458 of KOCHER, M., ET AL., entitled "SAW BLADE FOR POWER TOOLS".

The undersigned further declares that the above statement is true; and further, that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or document or any patent resulting therefrom.

Jan McLin Clayberg

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SIMULTANEOUS AMENDMENT

March 12, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

SIRS:

Simultaneously with filing of the above identified application please amend the same as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel all claims without prejudice.

Substitute the claims attached hereto.

REMARKS:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the above identified application.

With the present Amendment applicant has amended the claims so as to eliminate their multiple dependency.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Striker Attorney for Applicant(s) Reg. No. 27233

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- 1. A saw blade for power tools, in particular for power reciprocating saws, having a blade back (11) and a toothing (12), extending along the lower edge of the blade back, comprising many saw teeth (13) lined up in succession, characterized in that in successive portions (a, b) of the toothing (12), each with an integral number of saw teeth (13), the saw teeth (13) are embodied with the same tooth width (a_z, b_z) , which however is different from the saw teeth (13) in the preceding or succeeding portion (b, a) of the toothing (12).
- 2. The saw blade of claim 1, characterized in that the tooth width (a_z) of the saw teeth (13) in one set of portions (a) of the toothing (12) is equivalent to the thickness of the blade back (11), and the tooth width (b_z) differing from it of the saw teeth (13) in the other portions (b) of the toothing (12) is brought about by material removal or material compacting.
- 3. The saw blade of claim 2, characterized in that in successive portions (b) of the toothing (12) with saw teeth (13) having the reduced tooth width (b_z) , the material removal or material compacting is performed in alternation from one side and the other of the blade back (11).
- 4. The saw blade of claim 3, characterized in that the saw teeth (13) with the reduced tooth width (b_z) are transposed, and the transposition is done toward the side of the blade back (11) remote from the material removal or material compacting.
 - 5. The saw blade of [one of claims 2-4] claim 2,

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characterized in that parallel recesses (14, 15; 14', 15'; 14'', 15'') spaced apart from one another are made in the blade back (11) on both sides of the blade back (11) and extend past the saw teeth (13) as far as the underside, remote from the blade back (11), of the toothing (12), and that the recesses (14) on one side of the blade back (11) and the recesses (15) on the other side of the blade back (11) are disposed offset from one another longitudinally of the saw blade.

- 6. The saw blade of claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14, 15) are extended as far as the upper edge (111), remote from the toothing (12), of the blade back (11).
- 7. The saw blade of claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14', 15'; 14'', 15'') end at a distance in front of the upper edge (111), remote from the toothing (12), of the blade back (11).
- 8. The saw blade of [one of claims 5-7] claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14, 15; 14', 15') are inclined relative to the toothing (12) at an acute angle (α) in the advancement direction of the saw blade (11), and preferably the acute angle (α) is equivalent to the rake angle of the saw teeth (13).
- 9. The saw blade of [one of claims 2-8] claim 2, characterized in that successive portions (a, b) of the toothing (12) have in alternation one tooth of large tooth width (a_z) and two teeth (13) of reduced tooth width (b_z) .
- 10. The saw blade of [one of claims 5-9] claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14, 15; 14', 15'; 14'', 15'')

are cut into the blade back (11) and the toothing (12) before the transposition of the saw teeth (13).

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- 1. A saw blade for power tools, in particular for power reciprocating saws, having a blade back (11) and a toothing (12), extending along the lower edge of the blade back, comprising many saw teeth (13) lined up in succession, characterized in that in successive portions (a, b) of the toothing (12), each with an integral number of saw teeth (13), the saw teeth (13) are embodied with the same tooth width (a_z, b_z) , which however is different from the saw teeth (13) in the preceding or succeeding portion (b, a) of the toothing (12).
- 2. The saw blade of claim 1, characterized in that the tooth width (a_z) of the saw teeth (13) in one set of portions (a) of the toothing (12) is equivalent to the thickness of the blade back (11), and the tooth width (b_z) differing from it of the saw teeth (13) in the other portions (b) of the toothing (12) is brought about by material removal or material compacting.
- 3. The saw blade of claim 2, characterized in that in successive portions (b) of the toothing (12) with saw teeth (13) having the reduced tooth width (b_z) , the material removal or material compacting is performed in alternation from one side and the other of the blade back (11).
- 4. The saw blade of claim 3, characterized in that the saw teeth (13) with the reduced tooth width (b_z) are transposed, and the transposition is done toward the side of the blade back (11) remote from the material removal or material compacting.
 - 5. The saw blade of claim 2, characterized in that

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parallel recesses (14, 15; 14', 15'; 14'', 15'') spaced apart from one another are made in the blade back (11) on both sides of the blade back (11) and extend past the saw teeth (13) as far as the underside, remote from the blade back (11), of the toothing (12), and that the recesses (14) on one side of the blade back (11) and the recesses (15) on the other side of the blade back (11) are disposed offset from one another longitudinally of the saw blade.

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- 8. The saw blade of claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14, 15; 14', 15') are inclined relative to the toothing (12) at an acute angle (α) in the advancement direction of the saw blade (11), and preferably the acute angle (α) is equivalent to the rake angle of the saw teeth (13).
- 9. The saw blade of claim 2, characterized in that successive portions (a, b) of the toothing (12) have in alternation one tooth of large tooth width (a_z) and two teeth (13) of reduced tooth width (b_z) .
- 10. The saw blade of claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14, 15; 14', 15'; 14'', 15'') are cut into the blade back (11) and the toothing (12) before the transposition of the

saw teeth (13).